MR. MATTHEW MURIKKAN (*Vaikam*): Will the member be pleased to tell me the standard of eligibility fixed for an applicant for tobacco license?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is contained in Rules 51 to 53 of the Tobacco Rules. Rule 53 reads as follows:—

"No license, either for wholesale or retail vend, shall be issued to any person

(*a*) who has been convicted of an offence falling under the Travancore Penal code and involving moral turpitude, or,

(*b*) who has been convicted of an offence under the Tobacco Regulation, I of 1087, or any serious offence under any other law relating to Separate Revenue, or

(*c*) who is a defaulter in respect of any abkari or opium contract or any sum due to the Government under Separate Revenue, or

(*d*) who is a public servant in the active service of the Government"

MR. MATTHEW MURIKKAN (*Vaikam*): Does the member tell me that the applications rejected come under these categories?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No. The answer says that applications are allowed only to the extent of the need of the place.

MR. MATTHEW MURIKKAN (*Vaikam*): In the second part of the question I have asked the number of applications rejected and the reasons for the same. It has been stated that on account of want of requirements and also ineligibility the applications were rejected.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Some of them may be like that.

MR. MATTHEW MURIKKAN (*Vaikam*): With regard to requirements, does not the member think that we ascertain the requirements on the demand of the people?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It does not depend on the demand of the contractor but on the demand of the people.

MR. MATTHEW MURIKKAN (*Vaikam*): But the contractor has to pay money to the Government.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): But the department has to see whether the applicant satisfies all the requirements.

MR. MATTHEW MURIKKAN (*Vaikam*): Do not the Government lose money by rejecting the applications?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No. The people who want tobacco get all the quantity they want from the licensees.

MR. MATTHEW MURIKKAN (*Vaikam*): But every application rejected means a loss of five rupees to Government.

PRESIDENT: You are getting argumentative.

Arrack shops.

387. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total annual rental from the arrack shops at Arudai, Fairfield and Vandiperiyar for the year 1104;

(*b*) the total population benefited by these three shops; and

(*c*) the average abkari duty per head in the Peermade taluk?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The total rental for 1104 for the shops at Fairfield and Arudai is Rs. 30,020. There is no arrack shop at Vandiperiyar.

(*b*) The information is not available.

(*c*) If the member refers to the incidence of revenue per head of population in the Peermade taluk, the figure for 1103 is Rs. 2 chs. 5 c. 2.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Would the member be pleased to state whether the Government ever attempted to get the information?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Which information, please?

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to part (*b*), namely the rental from the three shops.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They did not.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state whether these shops keep any records for the daily sale?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

The Travancore Sugars, Ltd.

388. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the following particulars in respect of the Travancore Sugars, Ltd.—

(i) the total capital of the company;

(ii) the total subscribed capital by way of public shares;

(iii) the share capital paid by the Travancore Government;

(iv) the amount invested for the plant and buildings;

(v) the amount spent for office establishment from the date of starting the company;

(vi) the quantity of sugar manufactured and the quantity exported or sold locally; and

(vii) the dividend paid to the shareholders?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The information on points i, ii, and (iv) to (vii) may be obtained from the company itself or from its managing agents. It is not a Government institution.

(iii) Rs. 2,49,990.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): With regard to part (i) will the member be pleased to state whether there are any Government Officers on the Board of Directors of the Company?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state what their function there is?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I wish to get a ruling from the Chair as to whether it arises from the question.

PRESIDENT: The functions of the Directorate do not arise from your question, Mr. Joseph.

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